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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE 15/1

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRODUCTION OF ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE: SOVIET BLOC\*

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCIP-1, NSCID-3, and NSCID-15, and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure for the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc, the following policies and allocations are hereby established:

1. Policies

1.1 In discharging allocated responsibilities and effecting integration of economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies will apply the following basic principles:

- a. No complete separation of areas of interest is possible or necessarily desirable in economic intelligence activities.
- b. Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence and schedules of research programs, including external research, between all agencies concerned is essential.
- c. No one agency is considered to be the final authority in any field; conclusions may be questioned by other IAC agencies and dissents recorded.

1.2 An agency charged with primary responsibility in a particular field will develop special competence in that field and will normally carry out most of the research in that field.

1.3 Any agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtained from other agencies in order to fulfill its departmental functions; however, basic research studies should not normally be undertaken without prior discussion with the agencies having primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.

1.4 Each intelligence agency will endeavor to coordinate the intelligence activities of its technical services and its other facilities having economic intelligence production capabilities with the work of the IAC intelligence agencies and to make available to those agencies the intelligence produced by such services and facilities.

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\*The term "Soviet Bloc" as used in this Directive covers the USSR; Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania, East Germany; Communist China and North Korea. Supplements to this directive may reduce this coverage or extend it to other areas under Soviet domination, if such modification is warranted.

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## 2. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Production

2.1 Responsibility for research and for the production of economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc is allocated as follows:

a. The Department of State shall have primary responsibility for those aspects of intelligence production in which economic and political analysis are inter-dependent. It will produce intelligence on economic policy and major political-economic trends and will undertake such other analyses and studies as may be required in fulfilling its assigned primary production responsibilities.

b. The Department of Defense shall have primary responsibility for the production of intelligence on the military aspects of the economy. It will produce intelligence on military requirements, logistics, ships and ship movements, and on production of military end items, and will undertake such other analyses and studies as may be required in fulfilling its assigned primary production responsibilities.

c. The CIA shall have primary responsibility, as a service of common concern, for intelligence production on all aspects and all sectors of the economy, except those specified in 2.1(a) and (b). With full recognition given to the intelligence produced by other agencies, it shall supplement this intelligence by such independent analyses and studies as may be necessary to produce integrated economic intelligence on the total economy of the Soviet Bloc.

2.2 Responsibility for the production and maintenance of NIS Chapter VI on Soviet Bloc countries shall be allocated in accordance with the general division of responsibility set forth in 2.1 above. CIA shall continue to be Chapter Coordinator for Chapter VI (economic); primary responsibility for producing and maintaining each of the sections shall be as follows:

a. Section 60 (Introduction): Department of State, with assistance from CIA.

b. Section 61 (Agriculture and Food): CIA, with assistance from State on land reform and other aspects of agricultural policy.

c. Section 62 (Water and Power): CIA, with assistance from State on government policy and with assistance from the Department of Defense on military consumption and requirements for power and fuel.

d. Section 63 (Minerals and Metals): CIA, with assistance from State on government policy and with assistance from Defense on military consumption and requirements for metals and minerals.

e. Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction): CIA shall have primary responsibility for all subsections, except those listed below. The Department of State shall provide assistance on questions of policy pertaining to this sector of the economy and shall collaborate with CIA in the production of Subsection 64A (General). The Department of Defense shall provide assistance on the military aspects of any subsection produced by .

i. Subsection 64C (Motor Vehicles, including AUV): Department of the Army, with assistance from CIA on trucks, automobiles, and non-military vehicles.

ii. Subsection 64D (Aircraft Production): Department of the Air Force, with assistance from Department of the Navy.

iii. Subsection 64E (Shipbuilding): Department of the Navy, with assistance from CIA on non-military shipbuilding.

iv. Subsection 64F (Explosives): Department of the Army, with joint assistance.

v. Subsection 64G (Arms and Ammunition): Department of the Army, with joint assistance.

vi. Subsection 64H (Other military equipment): Department of the Army, with joint assistance.

vii. Subsection 64I (Telecommunications): Department of the Army with joint assistance.

f. Section 65 (Trade and Finance): Department of State, with assistance from CIA.

2.3 It is recognized that, despite the above-mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities, there will be areas of common or overlapping interest which require continuing interagency liaison and such working-level conferences as may be appropriate.

### 3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination

3.1 To assist the Central Intelligence Agency in carrying out its coordinating responsibility, the Economic Intelligence Committee shall continue to perform the functions outlined in IAC E-22/1 (revised).

3.2 In accordance therewith, the Economic Intelligence Committee shall, upon request of the Office of National Estimates, prepare coordinated contributions to comprehensive estimates of Soviet Bloc Capabilities scheduled in the approved program of National Intelligence Estimates.